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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Big monopolies will prevail with eventual price hikes and dominance without any regard to consumers if the FCC does nothing about such a coming crisis if legislation and/or works towards the ending of all regulated wholesale access to

the Unbundled Network Elements (Copper Pairs) of the Telephone Network that small local companies that now serve many local consumers (that of the legislation 1996 Telecommunications Act). Also, I believe small businesses in these areas help to make certain big monopolies (ATT, Verizon, ...) will even become more greedy and work towards our loss of privacy on the Internet purely for the purpose of selling our Internet/Web browsing for profit to other businesses.

I'll be glad to provide more details behind my thoughts (and those people with very similar ideals like myself) if you need to hear more from any of us to substantiate this upcoming crisis if big business is allowed to dominate.

Best, Tom Starbuck (530 759 9273), tjstarbuck@gmail.com

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